Categories of coal	Price of ROM coal as in July '95	Price of ROM coal as in July'96 For companies other than MCL & WCL	For MCL	For WCL
Semi-Coking-II	628	785	785	785
Non-Coking coal				
Gr. A	642	771	739	936
Gr. B	586	692	663	880
Gr. C	513	590	565	795
Gr. D	406	406	406	584
Gr. E	322	322	322	486
Gr. F	257	257	257	405
Gr. G	183	183	183	305

(d) Increase in prices of coal are necessitated by the increase in the various input costs as well as wage increase etc. The increase in price of the above nature is beyond the control of the coal industry. To some extent, however, the effect of the increase in input cost can be offset by increasing productivity. CIL and SCCL are continuing to take steps to increase productivity and are focusing on better capacity utilisation of heavy earth moving machinery and increase in output per man-shift.

माल-डिब्बों की कमी के कारण कोयले की ढुलाई न किया जाना

3455. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड माल-डिब्बों की कमी के कारण कोयले की ढुलाई का लक्ष्य पूरा नहीं कर पा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड को कोयले की ढुलाई के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में माल डिब्बे उपलब्ध कराने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

कोयला मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कांति सिंह): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए प्रतिदिन 18058 चार पहिया वैगन (एफ०डब्ल्यू०डब्ल्यू०) के दैनिक लदान लक्ष्य की तुलना में वास्तविक दैनिक लदान 16900 एफ०डब्ल्यू०डब्ल्यू प्रतिदिन हुआ है। इस संबंध में कमी रही है।

(ग) वैगनों की उपलब्धता में सुधार लाए जाने के लिए कोयला कंपनियों और क्षेत्रीय रेलवे के बीच क्षेत्र स्तर पर निकटतम सम्पर्क रखा जा रहा है। रेल द्वारा कोयले के संचलन पर भी एक अंतर-मंत्रालीय बैठक में नियमित रूप से निगरानी रखी जा रही है और जहां भी अपेक्षित होता है, सुधारक उपाय किए जाते हैं।

Protection of Workers Under I.D. Act, 1947

3456. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, provides for certain measures of protection to the workers in the event of lay off, retrenchment and closure;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information about the units effecting retrenchment and workers retrenchment during the last three years in the State of Maharashtra, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) in what manner Government had ensured that the protection measures of Industrial Disputes Act were made available to these retrenched workers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Items Reserved for Manufacture by SSIs

3457. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the MNCs are manufacturing unauthorisedly certain items reserved exclusively for small scale units; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) A few cases of prima facie violation have come to notice of the Administrative Ministries. Cases of such violation are examined by the concerned Ministries for taking appropriate action.

Steel Export

3458. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how much steel has been exported during the last three years;

(b) names of the countries to which this steel is exported; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost steel exports?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) During the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, 1.6 million tonnes, 1.03 million tonnes and 1.5 million tonnes respectively of saleable steel was exported from India.

(b) Countries to which steel is exported from India include China, Japan, USA, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Australia and Germany.

(c) Exports of all items of iron and steel are freely allowed. In addition, the following measures have facilitated steel exports:

(i) Full convertibility of export earnings at market rate of exchange;

(ii) Facility available to Exporters to import their requirement of raw materials duty free under the Advance Licensing Scheme;

(iii) Refund of the duty paid on any imported or excisable material used in the manufacture of export goods; and

(iv) Exemption of export earnings from income-tax under Section 80 HHC.

Steep Downfall in Import and Export

3459. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep downfall in the import and export during April-June, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof with corresponding figures for the previous period; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) As per available DGCI&S data, exports and imports during April—June' 96 have increased in dollar terms by 14.6% and 14.5% respectively over the corresponding period in the previous year; there has not been a downfall in the imports and exports during April—June, 1996 as compared with the corresponding period in the previous year.

(c) Does not arise.